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Disclosed is a method for displaying a message in a folder-type mobile terminal including a main body, a sub-body foldably mounted to the main body, said sub-body having a first display mounted on an outer side and a second display mounted on an inner side thereof. Upon receipt of a message, while the sub-body is folded, the mobile terminal displays an indicator indicating receipt of the message on the first display. Upon receipt of a key input corresponding to a user's external display request, the mobile terminal determines whether the first display is set to a double-line display mode. If the first display is set to the double-line display mode, the mobile terminal slidably displays the received message on a first line of the first display and fixedly displays a message received time and a caller's phone number on a second line of the first display. However, if the first display is not set to the double-line display mode, the mobile terminal then slidably displays, in sequence, the received message, the message received time and the caller's phone number on the first display.